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SETTING UP OF PLASMA FORTIFICATION UNIT
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up a Plasma Fortification Unit to provide life saving F8 and F9 to patients suffering form haemophilia;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the production capacity of the unit;

(c) the number of patients in need of the Plasma products;

(d) the manner in which the product will be supplied to the patients; and

(e) the time by which the said unit is likely to be operationalised?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b). Yes Sir. It is proposed to set up one Plasma Fractionation Unit in the country during Phase-III of National AIDS Control Programme to provide life saving Factor VIII and Factor IX to patients suffering from Hemophilia. The unit will have capacity to process 50,000 litres of Plasma annually, which will be increased to 100,000 litres subsequently.

(c) & (d) There are 12,180 patients of Hemophilia registered with Hemophilia Federation of India (HFI). These patients will require 10 million units of Factor VIII and Factor IX annually. These products will be sent to Hemophilia Federation of India which is a registered body under charitable trust (section 21 of 1860) and through HFI the supply will be given to the state units of this federation for further distribution to patients of Hemophilia.

(e) The unit will be made operational within two years of the launch of Phase-III of National AIDS Control Programme.